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LIGHTING EQUIPMENT EMPLOYING SAME

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed, and concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated May 12, 2008, and a Decision for Refusal dated November 21, 2008, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-380410, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 5-174985, which is submitted with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof;
- (2) JP 10-106767, which is submitted with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof;
- (3) JP 7-272680, which is submitted with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (4) JP 8-315777, which is submitted with an English language Abstract thereof; and {P29844 00867967.DOC}

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(5) JP 6-267678, which is submitted with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts and translations, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Japanese Office Action Decision for Refusal are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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